

**DIVISION I
CASE PRECEDENT
GAMBLING ACTIVITIES
INVOLVING STAFF
MEMBERS**

NCAA BYLAW 10.3 Staff members of a member conference, staff members of the athletics department of a member institution and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

- (a) Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- (b) Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- (c) Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- (d) Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value; or
- (e) Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Eligibility and Secondary Infraction Case Report

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Elig Case ID: 0
Verbal Eligibility Decision Date: Verbal Secondary Decision Date:05-NOV-02
Division: I
Sports:
Bylaws: 10.3 GAMBLING ACTIVITIES
Secondary Appeal: No
Eligibility Appeal: No

Facts

During the fall of 2002, the associate athletics director for special events, an athletics department staff assistant and the student assistant for media relations each paid a \$50 entry fee to participate in an NFL fantasy football league that awarded a \$250 prize. The staff members were aware of the ban on gambling activities, but believed participation in a fantasy league was permissible inasmuch as it involved wagering on individual players' performances as opposed to the outcome of specific contests.

Additional Facts

Institutional Action

The director of compliance services discussed the relevant legislation and issued a memorandum of understanding/letter of admonishment to individuals involved in this violation and required that they sign off on the memo. The director of compliance services also discussed the relevant legislation (and the fact it applied to fantasy leagues) with all staff members in the sports information department. An e-mail was sent with high priority to all athletics staff members regarding the full application of the gambling ban. This issue will also be addressed at each departmental compliance meeting this fall and will be the topic of next week's newsletter e-mailed weekly to every staff member. The booster newsletter compliance article will address this ban and the director of compliance services will send a letter to all local media (who apparently are also in the fantasy league), so that they are aware that athletics staff may not participate in those leagues with them.

Enforcement Action

The institution should be required to suspend the associate athletics director for special events and the athletics department staff assistant from all athletically related activities and duties for a period of two days, and suspend the student assistant for media relations from all athletically related activities and duties for a period of one day.

Eligibility Action

STAFF:

Rationale

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Legislation

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